

# Announcing a Funding Opportunity Webinar

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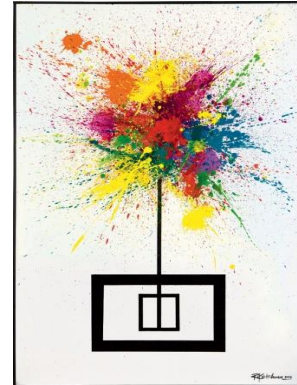


## NIH Common Fund's High Risk-High Reward Program:

### New Funding Opportunity for the NIH Director's Transformative Research Award

**Date: November 8, 2011**

**Time: 1:00-2:45 PM EST**



## Background

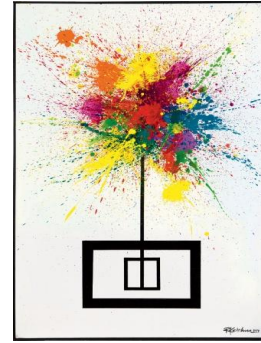
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The NIH Director's High Risk-High Reward (HRHR) program, supported through the NIH Common Fund, was created to test new ways of stimulating the biomedical workforce by providing support for highly creative researchers and ideas that have the potential to fundamentally change the way we think about and conduct biomedical research. Four different NIH Director's awards comprise the HRHR program: the NIH Director's Transformative Research Award, Pioneer Award, New Innovator Award, and the Early Independence Award.

This informational webinar will provide information and answers questions about NEW funding opportunity announcements (FOAs) for the HRHR program, specifically for the Transformative Research Award, which is open until January 12, 2012 (5:00PM local time of applicant organization). The types of questions to be addressed during the webinar include, but are not limited to:

- What types of projects have been funded to date?
  - Why don't there seem to be so many clinical and/or behavioral science projects funded?
  - What are the expectations regarding preliminary data?
  - What are typical budgets of successful applications?
  - What are the most common criticisms?
  - What makes a particularly strong application?
  - Can you give some examples of projects that might be considered transformative or not transformative?
  - What is the review process?
  - How are reviewers selected?
  - How can applications with such diverse topic areas be reasonably reviewed by a single panel?
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# High Risk-High Reward Program Informational Webinar



## Agenda

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### **1:00 PM Welcome**

James Anderson, M.D., Ph.D., Director, Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives (DPCPSI), NIH

### **1:05 PM New Funding Announcement for High Risk-High Reward Program: NIH Director's Transformative Research Award**

Ravi Basavappa, Ph.D., Program Director, Office of Strategic Coordination, DPCPSI, NIH

### **1:30 PM Review process for Transformative Research Award applications**

John Bowers, Ph.D., Initial Review Group Chief and Scientific Review Officer for the Transformative Research Award initiative, Center for Scientific Review, NIH

### **1:40 PM Question and Answer Session**

Members of the High Risk-High Reward Working Group will answer questions submitted via Email and phone

### **2:45 PM Adjourn**

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Access the webinar via: <https://webmeeting.nih.gov/hrhr>

The computer system requirements for joining the webinar can be found here:

<http://webcollaboration.nih.gov/systemRequirements.asp>

Please send us your questions in advance or during the program via Email at

[Transformative\\_Awards@mail.nih.gov](mailto:Transformative_Awards@mail.nih.gov) or by phone at 1-800-593-9895, passcode 10699.

The webinar is open to external participants and NIH staff. The webinar is being broadcast from the NIH Bethesda campus, Bldg 31, 6C/7. In-person seating is limited. The webinar will be closed captioned and video archived on the Common Fund website (<http://commonfund.nih.gov>).

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